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RE: Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131**MESSAGE:**

Examiner Falasco,

Thank you for your telephone call of today. Attached please find the Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131 that was mentioned at page 8 of the Amendment of October 23, 2003. We hope it will be of assistance in your deliberations.

Should you have any questions or comments, please call me at 703, 838-6604.

Very best regards,

Charles F. Wieland III
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In re Patent Application of >
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Application No.: 10/029,961 > Examiner: L. Falasco
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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC >
RECORDING DISK >

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Sir:

I, the undersigned, hereby make the following statements:

- 1) Prior to December 28, 2000, I actually reduced to practice the invention claimed in the above-captioned application.
- 2) Specifically, prior to December 28, 2000, I constructed a perpendicular magnetic recording disk including an underlayer between a substrate and a perpendicular magnetic recording layer for inducing perpendicular orientation of the perpendicular magnetic recording layer, and an intermediate soft magnetic layer between the underlayer and the perpendicular magnetic recording layer for forming closed magnetic loops together with the perpendicular magnetic recording layer. The perpendicular magnetic recording layer had a thickness in the range where the ratio of perpendicular coercivity H_c to maximum perpendicular coercivity H_o

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decreased with reduced thickness of the perpendicular magnetic recording layer.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Dec. 11, 2003



Jai-young Kim